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Letter To The Editor

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Dear Editor,

When historians record the events of the 20th Century the list of major targedies will undoubtedly include the betrayal of the Republic of China by the United States.

The Unites States did not recognize Red China for nearly 30 years because of the mass killers which brutally held control, NOT because it was pretending 900 million people did not exist.

Why should we

–make it easier for large quantities of drugs to be brought into the country,

–jeopardize the jobs of the working people in this state by importing inferior quality, slave-made textiles from mainland China,

–permit elected officials to stay in office when they openly advocate such policies?

–embrace as a "legal" government such a butcherous regime that surpasses any other in recorded history in the methods of torture committed against its people or

–disgracefully lower our nation to below the shameful level of liars not intent on honoring our committment of defense for Taiwan?

Americans concerned about such insane policies should call or write their Senators and Representatives immediately and demand that they take action to reverse the immoral course on which the President has set the United States.

Respectfully
(Miss) Pauline E. Magoon

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES VIRGINIAN

The local Appomattox Assembly takes this means of calling our local patrons attention to the use and care of the trash containers placed at various locations for our convenience. "Keep Virginia Beautiful" and Virginia is for lovers are challenges for all of us. As we take a closer look at our trash containers, we are saying keep Virginia littered and Virginia is no place for lovers. We beg and urge each patron to use the containers as directed. Closer attention by our local law enforcement officers and more care and attention by all of us in using the trash containers will help in a big way to "Keep Virginia beautiful and make it a place for lovers.

A concerned Group
Appomattox Assembly

ST. LUKE

Oh! Give thanks to the Lord for her is good, his mercies endureth forever that was teh attitude of the St. Lukers and friends after the Lord had brought them through a terrible ice storm safe and good. Sunday School was well attended. The Junior Choir gave the music. Rev. Mc gave the message from the 15th chapter of St. John. Subject "Without The Roots There Can Be No Fruit." He brought out the importance that if we are connected to the vine we should bear much fruit.

The conference with the little children was a highlight to the occasion. The offering was good.

There will be Bible class at St. Luke Tuesday night, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please come.

The ice storm kept the service from being held at St. Luke last third Sunday in January.

Now we look forward to preaching the 3rd Sunday in February at 11:00 a.m. Pastor McLaughlin will be in charge. Everone is welcome to come and worship with us.

Mrs. Helen T. Hunter is improving after instant surgery in Lynchburg General Hospital expecting her to be home soon and back to her teaching engagement.

Mrs. Annie Hubbard, a member of St. Luke, is now on the sick list with her husband, Mrs. Issie Bell Jones, Mrs. Eva Clark are much improved now.

Miss Thelma Hamlette is recovering at the home of her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Marshall after having surgery in hospital.

Mr. Chas. H. Canada has been quite ill from the flu and is slowly improving at his home.

Callers in the home to see him Sunday were Mrs. Olie Smith a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Tweedy and grandaughter.

Mr. Gregory Canada, a student at Norfolk State College, was visiting his parents over the week end, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada.

The R.S.V.P. Claytor Club will meet of February 19 for work shop meeting with the officials of the program from Rustburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Canada if things happen and it cannot be there notice will be given. Mrs. Louise Canada leader of the club.

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By Dr. William L. Trimyer

"LITTLE CHRISTS"

Background Scriptures: Matt. 16:13-21; John 14:12-14; Matt. 28:18-20

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Can you remember what it felt like the last time you misunderstood someone or they misunderstood you? It's a good feeling to finally be understood or to understand. To really know someone, and for them to know us, involves risking and trusting our feelings to that person. Of course, some people live together for years and never really get to know one another.

Love is one of the greatest risks in life. It is a delicate operation to reveal oneself so that others may know and understand us. Oftentimes we don't reveal ourselves for fear of rejection or ridicule.

In Matthew 16:13-21, we read the account of Peter's encounter with Jesus over the latter's identity. It was Peter's hour to shine! And shine he did. Peter "hit the nail on the head" when he correctly identified Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. In making such an identification meant that Peter was making a special commitment to Christ and his mission. Peter was to become responsible to Christ and the call to discipleship.

To really know someone is to become responsible to them. It means forming a deep, personal commitment of trust and care. For someone to reveal themselves to us implies that we will become responsible to their needs and feelings. It means soaring with them on the mountain and walking with them through the valley.

Peter's identification of Jesus brought with it a challenge to co'mmitment. Peter's faith st'atement became the basis on w hich Christ's church would reach out to the world.

BECOMING LITTLE CHRISTS

In John 14&12-14, we find both challenge and encouragement. No task seems too difficult to tackle when there is a "cheering section" behind us. Nothing is really impossible when someone gives to us the ministry of encouragement. Dull hours and dark days become a little easier to live with when someone covenants to be with us in our struggles.

There are times when we may feel that we have no "fight" left in us, that we are abandoned to go-it-alone in a seemingly God-bereft world. At times our pain is so great we feel as though we will crush under the heavy load. But along comes a friend who sits with us beside our overturned appleacarts and offers his or her presence. Sometimes the mere presence of a concerned friend is encouragement enough to help us face life's toughest battles.

Jesus promises to his disciples the very power of his name. Simply to pray and ask in his name will produce great results. And we are not talking about a magical use of his name. It means that all we attempt in his name will produce positive results. Christ works in us and through us to accomplish his good purposes. We follow him as a "little christ" in the world, proclaiming the good news of God's Gospel and the new life in the Savior!

Jesus takes our not-so-perfect specimens and uses them to carry on his ministry to humanity. We are "commissioned" to communicate both word and deed the liberated life in Christ.

COMMITMENT TO MISSION

Every Christian has a mission in carrying out the Great Commission. We are each gifted with differing gifts which may be used to minister to humanity. In every way-by life style, by deed, by witness, by compassion-Christians are to be "little christs" to those who are hurting, suffering, and sinful.

Consider the following paraphrase. "Go, therefore, into every community, into prisons, hospitals, hangouts, and share what it means to be free in Christ!"

And as we go, we have the fellowship and companionship of Christ's presence. *"Lo, I am with you always . . ."* The pilgrim's journey is made easier by the gift of HIS presence.

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Virginia.)

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Left to right, Lewis Garcia, Danny Harvey, David Coffey, and Yolanda Miller, Appomattox County High School Band students, representing ACHS at the District III Band Festival held at Prince George High School.

ACHS Band Students Participate In Regional Band

The District III Band Festival was held at Prince George High School on the week end of February 2, 3 and 4. This year's symphonic band guest conductor was Mr. Ray B. Haney, from East Boden High School in East Boden, North Carolina.

Mr. Haney has had many years of experience working with students and his bands have consistently gotten superior ratings at band festivals. Mr. Haney served as trumpet soloist with the concert band at the Festival Concert on Sunday afternoon.

The ACHS Band had two students participating in the symphonic band. They were Yolanda Miller, clarinet and Danny Harvey, tenor saxophone.

This year's concert band was conducted by Mr. James B. Armentrout who is currently the president of J. B. and H. Music in Keysville, Va. Mr. Armentrout has served as guest conductor of numerous festival and all-county bands. He also served as a band conductor for 18 years.

The ACHS Band had two students to participate in the concert band. They were Lewis Garcia, alto saxaphone and David Coffey, percussion. The concert band's program contained a wide variety of musical styles, including a contempory composition, "Variations on an Appalachian Folk Tune" by Appomattox County High School Band Director Frank Coffey.

Regular Service Well Attended At Galilee

An appreciative crowd attended the regular worship service at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church conducted the devotionals with beautiful music furnished by the senior choir. During the offering period a special offering was given to the local heart fund. The announcements were given by the church clerk. The Rev. R. H. Turner, pastor of the St. Mark Church of Amherst delivered the morning message. His message was well prepared and well delivered. All present enjoyed the message. Several visitors from local churches were welcomed by the pastor.

All officers, members and friends are reminded of the regular meeting of the local branch of the NAACP this Monday evening at 7:30 at the Promise Land Baptist Church. Members of the local community are urged to come out.

The local Assembly will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Members and friends are urged to attend. All former members and friends are asked to come out and receive a new edition of the Espitle.

The special service announced for this Sunday evening at the Promise Land Baptist Church will be post poned until next month.

All officers and members of the Promise Land Baptist Church are reminded of the annual church meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month, at 12 o'clock.

A special musical program will be held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in this month at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by Mr. Jessie Carr and the Southern Jubilees of Nathalie.

We are very happy to report that the sick are improving after operations and special treatment in the Lynchburg Hospital.

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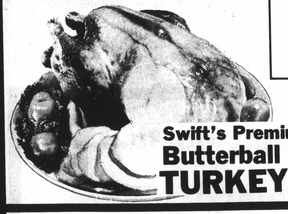

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